

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

I. Disposition of the claims

Claims 16-35 and 38-40 are pending. (The amendment of March 12, 2007, being entered.)

II. Indefiniteness rejections, Advisory action, para. 1.

The Advisory action indicated that claims 20-23 and 31-34 raise indefiniteness rejections, because “the process preamble is now also a component of the body of the claim.” It is respectfully submitted that a term that refers to a preamble does not take away from whether or not one of ordinary skill in the art would be reasonably apprised of the meaning of the claim. *Cf.* MPEP § 2111.02.

III. **Comments**

The Examiner is reminded that this paper supplements, not replaces, the Amendment filed March 12, 2007. The Amendment filed March 12, 2007, addresses the issues in the final Office action dated July 12, 2006.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid

amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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